

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/687,852

Examiner

Edan Orgad

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 6/25/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-13, 15-30, 32-39 and 41-45 (renumbered as claims 1-41 respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 6/25/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-30, 32-39 and 41-45 (renumbered as claims 1-41 respectively) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 10, 19, 27 and 36, the prior art of record, specifically Jonas (US 2003/0193933) discloses a system for transmitting a message in a communications network, the system comprising: a signaling gateway operable to receive a message directed to a destination circuit (§ 0012) a plurality of voice gateways coupled to the signaling gateway (fig. 2a, elements 200, 300 & 600), the voice gateways comprising a destination voice gateway coupled to the destination circuit; and a plurality of circuits comprising the destination circuit, each circuit coupled to at least one of the voice gateways, wherein the signaling gateway is operable to determine the destination voice gateway and to send the message to the destination voice gateway (fig. 2a, § 0030-0032). However, Jonas and other cited prior art fail to disclose or suggest, a signaling gateway operable to establish the destination circuit from the message," it determine a circuit identifier identifying the destination circuit," and determine the destination voice gateway based on the circuit identifier identifying the destination circuit," as recited in amended. Furthermore, Jonas and other prior art cited fail to disclose the combination signaling gateway operable to execute one or more message transfer parts," each message transfer part of the one or more message transfer parts being operable to direct the message to at least one of the voice gateways"; and at least one voice gateway operable to execute an integrated services digital

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network user party" the integrated services digital network user part of the at least one voice gateway being operable to provide signaling information to a circuit of the circuits".

Regarding claim 45, please see reasons for allowance in non-final office action dated 3/30/04.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edan Orgad whose telephone number is 703-305-4223. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM to 5:30PM with every other Friday off..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on 703-305-4223. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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